

Micah 3

"Incomparable Consistency"

In what ways do we live inconsistently with God's character?

Do we ever try to use "God" to excuse or promote our inconsistent living?

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Inversion of Justice as Cannibalistic Consumption Ignored Cries as Consequence

Social Justice is Not a Substitute for the Gospel Ignoring Societal Injustice is Inconsistent with the Gospel

Modern Social Justice is Not the same as Biblical Justice Modern Views may still Expose Unfair Practices

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Conscience is Subject to God's Word not Preferences Ignoring God's Word is Inconsistent with Faith

No Assuming Any Nation Always Deserves God's Blessing No Using Christian Notions to Prop up Political Platform

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Build with Blood; Reap the Reward

Judgment -> Jerusalem a pile of Junk

"When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?""

- Joshua 5:13-14

In what ways does God's consistency lead us to repentance?

Do we rest in God's consistency which provides our hope for salvation?